

CLAIMS:

1. A hose holder for a vacuum system including a vacuum head supported on an elongate rigid pipe for connection, using an elongate vacuum hose, to a central vacuum tubing system installed in a building, the hose holder comprising:
5 a frame for supporting the vacuum hose wrapped thereabout; and
clamp means for supporting the frame on the rigid pipe.
2. The holder according to Claim 1 wherein the clamp means are releasable for selective separation and reattachment on the rigid pipe.
3. The holder according the Claim 2 wherein the clamp means
10 comprise at least one spring clip including a pair of opposed jaws which are biased towards one another.
4. The holder according to Claim 1 wherein the frame includes first and second cradles at spaced positions from one another at opposing ends of the frame.
- 15 5. The holder according to Claim 4 wherein the frame comprises a pair of elongate rails supported spaced apart from one another by crossbars spanning therebetween, each cradle being defined by a crossbar and a pair of end portions of the rail projecting beyond the respective crossbar.
6. The holder according to Claim 1 wherein there is provided a hose
20 clamp suitably arranged for securement of a free end of the vacuum hose therein.
7. The holder according to Claim 6 wherein the hose clamp is supported on the frame.
8. The holder according to Claim 1 wherein the frame and the clamp means are integrally moulded together.
- 25 9. The holder according to Claim 1 in combination with the rigid pipe of the vacuum system upon which the clamp means are secured.

10. A hose holder for a vacuum system including a vacuum head supported on an elongate rigid pipe for connection, using an elongate vacuum hose, to a central vacuum tubing system installed in a building, the hose holder comprising:

5 first and second cradles for supporting the vacuum hose wrapped thereabout; and

first and second clamp members for supporting the respective cradles on the rigid pipe.

11. The holder according to Claim 10 wherein there is provided a frame spanning between the first and second cradles.

10 12. The holder according to Claim 10 wherein there is provided a frame comprising a pair of elongate rails supported spaced apart from one another by crossbars spanning therebetween, each cradle being defined by a respective one of the crossbars and end portions of the rail projecting beyond the respective crossbar.

15 13. The holder according to Claim 10 wherein there is provided a hose clamp for supporting a free end of the hose thereon, the hose clamp being supported on a frame spanning between the first and second cradles.

14. The holder according to Claim 10 wherein the clamp means are releasable for selective separation and reattachment on the rigid pipe.

20 15. The holder according to Claim 10 wherein the first and second cradles and the first and second clamp members are all integrally moulded with one another.

25 16. A method of storing an elongate vacuum hose in a vacuum system including a vacuum head supported on an elongate rigid pipe for connection, using the vacuum hose, to a central vacuum tubing system installed in a building, the method comprising:

providing a frame for supporting the vacuum hose thereon;

wrapping the hose about the frame; and
supporting the frame on the rigid pipe.

17. The method according to Claim 16 including wrapping the hose about the frame in a coil such that a pipe connecting end of the hose is supported at
5 an inner side of the coil and a wall connecting end of the hose is supported on an outer side of the coil.

18. The method according to Claim 16 including securing a free end of the hose on a hose clamp supported on the frame.

19. The method according to Claim 16 including providing clamp
10 means to support the frame on the rigid pipe and securing a free end of the hose in the clamp means when the frame is removed from the rigid pipe for storage.

20. The method according to claim 16 wherein the frame is suitably sized to support a vacuum hose greater than 25 feet in length fully within the area defined by each cradle.